

## God's Word is Profitable

Even in our very busy lives, most Christians make an effort to read the Bible every day. I have found that it is helpful to remember that the Bible is the very Word of God to us. We learn this in the familiar words of 2 Timothy 3:16–17: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

These verses tell us God's Word, given to and written down by human authors, comes from the very heart of God to His children! So when I read the Bible, I do not want to read it superficially or mechanically.

Puritan writer Thomas Boston confessed times when he felt this in his life: “My sin of superficial reading of the Scripture, not subjecting my soul, in the reading of it, as to the Divine Word, whereby I have not had the feeling of the power of it which otherwise I might have had” (*Memoirs of Thomas Boston*, p. 311. February 7, 1717 journal entry).

When I realize the personal touch of the Word for me as His child, I read attentively and with anticipation. As I do this, I find an amazing way that the section of His Word I am reading brings light and wisdom to the things I am facing at that moment. Only God can do this.

I make a plan to read a book in the Bible, set aside a time each day that is practical for me, and write down how God speaks to me and my situation through what I am reading. Nurturing this habit helps make my quiet time thrilling and personal with the Lord, and I would recommend it to you!

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God's Word speaks  
God's truth to  
God's people



# Covenant Church

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## Call to Worship

*Sounds of Hope*

## Invocation

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

## Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 329 There's Power in the Blood

## Welcome and Announcements

### Recognition of Guests

### Mission Moment

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Worship in Song

Hymn # 330 Are You Washed?

## Offertory Prayer

*Craig Alexander*

## Offertory

*Rose Morgan*

## Special Music

## Sermon:

*Scripture:*

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

## Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #319 Near the Cross

*Shine, Shine, Shine!*

## ***Covenant Ministries***

*Our ministry for March is the St. Francis House. Their mission is empowering families with children to achieve permanent and stable self-sufficiency by providing case management; nutritious meals; and educational, health and career resources; in a safe and secure environment.*

### *More Sentence Sermons*

1 cross, plus 3 nails, equals 4 given

A Bible in hand is worth two on the shelf.

A fault recognized is half corrected.

A pessimist has no starter. An optimist has no brakes.

All sore and weak from Backsliding? Try Pew Sitting and Knee Bends.

At the heart of sin is the letter "I".

Breathe in God's Spirit, exhale God's love.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.